



KidsAndCars.org Urges Governor Coyle to Sign Hot Cars Bill

April 2, 2018, Kansas City, KS. On Tuesday, the Kansas Senate unanimously passed the Hot Cars Bill (HB 2516) protecting citizens from liability if they rescue a child, animal or vulnerable adult trapped inside a hot car. The “Good Samaritan” bill will now go to the Governor’s desk for his signature. The Hot Cars Bill passed the House on March 14, 2018.

KidsAndCars.org along with other child and animal advocacy groups worked to ensure the passage of this life-saving bill. KidsAndCars.org is the national non-profit organization, headquartered in Kansas, that has been leading the efforts for 20 years to prevent children from being injured or killed when left alone in or around vehicles.

The importance of this bill lies not only in protecting citizens from liability, but more importantly by empowering citizens to act when a child’s life is at stake.

Currently, 19 states have “Good Samaritan laws” and another 9 have proposed laws that protect animals and children.

Since 2000, at least 676 children have died in hot cars, 10 of which happened in Kansas. Some children have survived, but are left with lifelong disabilities and brain damage. Many of those children might have been saved if a “Good Samaritan” had gotten involved.

Unfortunately, KidsAndCars.org knows of many cases where a passerby saw a child alone in a vehicle, did nothing and later learned that the child died.

These statistics are sobering, but this bill will help.

KidsAndCars.org hopes you will join us in bringing awareness to this important new legislation. Additional information can be found at <https://www.kidsandcars.org/how-kids-get-hurt/heat-stroke/>

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